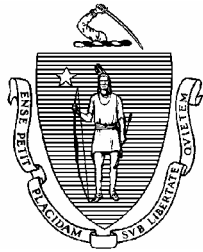


## Representative FOX of BOSTON

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill or resolve.

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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND FIVE

## **AN ACT** TO REGULATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES FOR LOW INCOME RESIDENTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

Chapter 23B of the Mass. General Laws is hereby amended by adding, after section 24A, the following section:—

Section 24B. Notwithstanding any general or special act to the contrary, any publicly owned water and/or sewer system, including but not limited to municipalities, municipal departments, water districts, sewer districts, water commissions, sewer commissions, water and sewer commissions, water resource authorities, when setting rates for water and/or sewer service supplied to residential premises, shall take into account the ability of low income residential consumers of water and/or sewer service, as the case may be, whether or not they are customers, to pay for such water and/or sewer services, as the case may be.